

the IRS determined that a plan may provide for benefit increases to reflect the repeal of section 415(e) for a former employee who has begun receiving benefit distributions prior to the effective date of the repeal but whose benefits under the plan have not been completely distributed prior to the effective date of the repeal.

If H.R. 4843 is enacted, the modifications to the section 415 limits affecting multiemployer pension plans would be effective for years beginning after December 31, 2000. If, in the implementation of these modifications, the IRS follows the precedent that it has established with respect to the repeal of section 415(e), a multiemployer plan would be permitted to provide for benefit increases to reflect the modifications of the section 415 limits for a former employee who has commenced distributions prior to 2001 but whose benefits have not been completely distributed prior to 2001. In addition, the modification of the section 415 limits could result in automatic benefit increases for participants in defined benefit plans that incorporate by reference the section 415 limits.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

LINDY L. PAULL.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN BARBARA P. MORGAN FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding individual whose service to our nation and the Greater New Haven community is unparalleled. Captain Barbara P. Morgan has served as the Commander of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in New Haven, Connecticut for the past three years and has recently announced that she will be leaving her command to attend the Naval War College.

As Commander of the Reserve Center, Captain Morgan has been a driving force in involving the Reserve Center with the surrounding community, opening its doors to government agencies and community-based programs. The American Red Cross, New Haven Public School's after school program, Sea Cadets and various veteran organizations have all benefited from her generosity. Captain Morgan has been a leading advocate for the Marine Cadets of America, a very special program for the young people of Greater New Haven, to whom she has provided support as the Commanding Officer and by encouraging the entire military community to participate in the operation of the program.

For twenty-two years, Captain Morgan has served in the United States Navy with honor and distinction. She has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal—a reflection of her remarkable career. Captain Morgan has demonstrated a unique commitment to our community—rare for an individual

who has only been with us such a relatively short time. I commend her for her efforts and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to her for her invaluable contributions.

I am proud to rise today to join her husband, William, friends, colleagues, and community members to thank her for her outstanding service and wish her well as she departs for the Naval War College.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 10, I was unavoidably detained from the House chamber when my flight from Tennessee to return to Washington was canceled due to weather conditions. Had I been present I would have cast my vote as follows: Rollcall No. 373, yes; Rollcall No. 374, no; Rollcall No. 375, yes; Rollcall no. 376, no; Rollcall No. 377, yes; Rollcall No. 378, no.

On Monday, July 24, I was unavoidably detained from the House chamber while I attended a funeral in Tennessee of the mother of my good friend and our colleague, Representative BILL JENKINS. Had I been present I would have cast my vote as follows: Rollcall No. 429, yes.

TRIBUTE TO CARTER BROADCAST GROUP, INC.

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Carter Broadcast Group, Inc., owner of KPRS-FM and KPRT-AM radio, the oldest African-American owned and operated radio station in America. This year they celebrate 50 years of excellence as one of Kansas City's, and the nation's, most established and respected broadcasters.

In 1950, Andrew "Skip" Carter had a dream to build a black owned radio station in Kansas City that would serve the needs of his community. His station, KPRS-AM was only the second African-American station to receive a broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Operating with just 1,000 watts, it went on the air playing such artists as Ray Charles and James Brown. It had to go off the air at sundown because of the low wattage.

In 1963 Skip Carter received a license from the FCC to operate a 100,000 watt FM facility. In 1973, their stations became the first fully automated stations in the Midwest.

Skip Carter and his wife, Mildred, had operated the two stations as a family business since their inception. Their grandson, Michael, had his own jazz show in the late 1960's at eight years of age. In 1987 Michael Carter was named President of KPRS Broadcasting Corporation by his grandfather to carry on the family tradition. The name was later changed

to the Carter Broadcast Group, Inc. to honor Skip Carter's legacy.

Between 1990 and 1996 KPRS advanced from the eighth rated station to the top rated station in the Kansas City market as measured by Arbitron. This recognition of the "Hot 103 Jamz" came about by the hard work and dedication of the total staff, which has been incorporated into the Carter Broadcast "Family." There have been numerous accolades during their 50 years. Skip Carter was named to the Radio Hall of Fame, the station received a Crystal Award from the National Association of Broadcasters, a Griffin Award from the Missouri Broadcasters Association for Community Service, and their recent nomination for the Marconi Award from the National Association of Broadcasters which recognizes excellence in radio. Winners of the Marconi Award will be announced September 23 in San Francisco, our community will be cheering them as they are acknowledged and honored. They have been recognized for business successes and community service on many occasions. Three times they have been honored as a Top 10 Small Business of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the most recent being this past April. They have constantly stepped forward in the community in times of crisis. When children have been abducted, they have devoted live broadcast time to assist in finding them. They have lent their airwaves to help raise funds for community organizations such as the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime. In 1999 alone, the stations assisted more than 150 community organizations and aired 10,000 community service spots.

Saturday, July 22, the Carter Broadcast Group is having a "50th Anniversary Gala." The proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Vincent's Day Care Center, which serves many of Kansas City's critically at risk children.

In celebration of this significant milestone, I am honored to recognize Michael Carter and the Carter Broadcast Group's efforts and legacy. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Carter family and the entire organization for 50 years of service to the Greater Kansas City community.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING RELEASE OF RABIYA KADEER, HER SECRETARY AND SON BY GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution that calls on the People's Republic of China to immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, a prominent Uighur businesswoman, her son, and her secretary.

When the Chinese government arrests and imprisons people like this, it is an important reminder to all of us of the true character of the Chinese regime. The State Department's 1999 Human Rights Report on China stated this